(12) Tree can be hypothecated to banks/financial institution for raising loan.

(13) To ensure proper implementation, recommendations have been made to create nodal agencies at all levels:—

(a) Department of Rural Development to be the Nodal Agency at Government of India level.

(b) State level committee with Secretary (RD) as convener with other Secretaries, Revenue, Forest PWD as members.

(c) District level committee with Collector as the head with the Project Directors, DRDA/ ITDP and representative of other Government departments as members.

(d) Block level committee with representatives from all Departments and Panchayat Raj Institution.

(e) A revenue official to be placed with the BDO to look after this Scheme and depending on the work load, a forest official can also be placed at the Block level.

Passing of naval secrets to Pakistan Embassy

815. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the persons involved in passing on naval secrets to Pakistan Embassy recently, have been arrested;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what action has been taken by Government against them; and

(d) what further measures are proposed to be taken by Government to check such nefarious activities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to information received from the Delhi Administration, two persons, of whom one is a Naval employee, were arrested on 24-11-1986 in a case registered on the same day under sections 3/5/9 of the Official Secrets Act read with section 120-B IPC and section 120-B IPC at PS Tilak Marg, New Delhi. The charge sheet against the two accused persons has since been filed in the court.

(d) Constant vigilance is being maintained by the security agencies to unearth, detect and neutralise any attempt at espionage and other such prejudicial activities by any individual or organisation.

स्वीकृति के लिये लम्बित पड़ी सिंचाई और विद्युत परियोजनाएं

816. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक :**
श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला :

क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कितनी सिंचाई और बिजली परियोजनाएं पर्यावरण संबंधी आपत्तियों के कारण लम्बित पड़ी हैं ; और

(ख) इन परियोजनाओं के संबंध में निर्णय लेने की अधिकतम अवधि क्या तय की गई है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अन्सारी) : (क) मांगी गई जानकारी की अनुपलब्धता के कारण 64 सिंचाई और विद्युत् परियोजनाओं पर पर्यावरण की दृष्टि से विचार किया जाना बाकी है। नौ परियोजनाओं में वानिकी की दृष्टि से स्वीकृति की प्रतीक्षा है ।

(ख) ऐसी प्रत्येक परियोजना के सम्बन्ध में जिनके बारे में विस्तृत जानकारी भेजी जाती है, अधिकतम 3 महीने की अवधि के भीतर निर्णय लिया जाता है।

Roof collapse in North Delhi

817. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of workers were killed and several others injured following a roof collapse of a rice godown in North Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any made by Government into the mishap alongwith the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) According to the report of Delhi Administration, 10 workers were killed and 17 workers were injured in a roof collapse of a godown in Village Bakoli in Alipur Block.

(c) The Lt. Governor of Delhi has ordered a magisterial enquiry into the mishap. The Delhi Administration will take necessary action based on the outcome of the enquiry. Meanwhile necessary claims for compensation in respect of those killed and injured have been filed before the Commissioner under the Workmen Compensation Act.

Forest Conservation Act

818. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the broad guidelines of the Forest Conservation Act;

(b) whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to facilitate people's participation in afforestation programme; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 provides that no State Government or other authority shall make, except with the prior approval of the Central Government, any order directing (i) that any 'Reserved Forest' or any portion thereof shall cease to be so or (ii) that any forest land or any portion thereof be used for any non-forest purposes.

(b) and (c) The provisions of the Act do not come in the way of people's participation in afforestation programme and, therefore, the question of any new legislation does not arise.

Recession in textile industry

819. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the volume of production of textiles in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the textile industry is faced with recession in demand for textile products;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The volume of total production of